

# **STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

## **Board Committees**

### **Adult Services Committee**

Members

Nettie Simon-Owens, Chair

Maggi Luca

Peppy Linden

### **Child Services Committee**

Members

Trudy Brisendine, Chair

Bela Sood

Marilyn Rigby

Danny Brown

### **Poverty Committee**

Members

Trudy Brisendine, Chair

Nettie Simon-Owens

Peppy Linden

Danny Brown

Maggi Luca

## **Ad Hoc Committees**

**VDSS State Board Ad Hoc (Temporary) Committees for 2007-2008**

**Committee Term: October –December 2007**

**Report to Full Committee at December 2007 Meeting**

### **Public Comment Process**

Purpose: Examine current public comment period notification process, time on agenda, and other aspects for improvement opportunities.

Members

Peppy Linden, Chair

Danny Brown

Bela Sood

### **Updates & New Initiatives Guidelines**

Purpose: consider standard practice for presentation on new initiatives, programs, services and updates (measurable outcomes/impact)

Members

Marilyn Rigby, Chair

Shirley Culpepper

Trudy Brisendine

### **New Member Orientation & Acclimation Process**

Purpose: To enhance orientation and acclimation process for new board members

Members:

Brenda Hornsby, Chair

Maggi Luca

Nettie Simon-Owens

## **Department Committees**

### **Strategic Planning**

Purpose: The Virginia Social Services System (VSSS) is a partnership of key organizations responsible for the administration, supervision and delivery of social services: local departments of social services, the Virginia Community Action Partnership and VDSS. The System has implemented strategic planning to set a course and measure progress towards a common vision and set of goals. These efforts are led by members of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee which provides leadership and direction for the system's strategic planning process. Members are responsible for developing strategic goals, objectives, and measures for the VSSS. The steering committee has recently adopted a quarterly meeting schedule to ensure completion of its work. The system plan covers a five-year timeframe and will be updated on an annual basis.

The Strategic Plan Steering Committee operates under a charter which provides detailed information on the committee, its roles and responsibilities. A copy of the charter and other information about the committee can be found on the VDSS website at [http://www.dss.virginia.gov/about/mission\\_plan/vsss/steering\\_committee.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/about/mission_plan/vsss/steering_committee.cgi).

Meetings: Quarterly (next date September 27) Meetings held in Richmond with video sites typically in Roanoke and Warrenton.

Board Liaison: Trudy Brisendine

### **Child Welfare Advisory Committee**

Purpose: The Child Welfare Advisory Committee was created in 2003 to assist the State Department of Social Services/Family Services Division with the Federal Child and Family Services Review that was conducted in July 2003. The committee is comprised of local and state staff, private providers of children services, schools, courts, mental health, juvenile justice, CASA, CSA and many other agencies providing services to children and families. The feds reviewed cases and interviewed families and others involved parties to determine how well Virginia was doing in protecting the safety of children, providing for the permanency of children and how well VA invested in the well-being of children and families. The feds further looked at the State's child welfare automation system, case review system and how well the child welfare system is perceived by the community. The report of the Federal Review indicated that VA needed improvement in several key areas, therefore, the Child and Welfare Advisory Committee role expanded to include providing guidance and direction to the Program Improvement Plan that was developed to address the areas that VA needed to correct/and or improve. The Program Improvement Plan corrective action phase ended January, 2007, however, the committee has continued to meet on a quarterly basis to review child welfare policies and procedures, discuss

legislation and regulations that impact child welfare services to children and families in VA and to collaborate on best practices in the delivery of child welfare services across the state.

Meetings: Quarterly meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Friday in August, November, February & May) at the Henrico Training Center off Parham Road.

Board Liaison: Brenda Hornsby

**Assisted Living Facility (ALF) Advisory Committee**

Purpose: To discuss proposed changes to the Assisted Living Facility Regulation

Meetings: As needed

Board Liaison: Shirley Culpepper

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**Child Day Care Council**

Purpose: The Council shall adopt regulations for licensure and operation of child day centers in the Commonwealth in accordance with the regulations referred to in 63.2-1734. The Council shall adopt regulations in collaboration with the Virginia Recreation and Park Society and the Departments of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for therapeutic recreation programs.

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every other month opposite meetings of SBSS

Board Liaison: Marilyn Rigby

**Child Protective Services Out of Family Advisory Group**

Purpose: Committee advises the Board of Social Services on the effectiveness of the policies and standards governing out-of-family investigations as listed in Code 63.2-1527.

Meetings: Committee meets quarterly in Charlottesville. (Not met in over a year-waiting for guidance from the SBSS).

Board Liaison: Peppy Linden